

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are ~~struck through~~.

1-4 (canceled)

B/ 5 (currently amended): A carcass ply producing method for producing a carcass ply constituting a carcass layer of a tire comprising:

supplying at least one ply cords by a supply head,  
reciprocating said supply head along a widthwise direction of said carcass ply,  
sticking said ply cord supplied by said supply head to a sticking body having a sticking surface,

reciprocating said sticking surface of said sticking body along a longitudinal direction of said carcass ply with a forward movement at a pitch to arrange said at least one ply cord in substantially parallel lines to each other on the sticking surface, and

controlling a disposition angle of said ply cord with respect to said longitudinal direction by changing a moving amount of said sticking surface with respect to a moving amount of said supply head.

6 (original): The carcass ply producing method according to claim 5, wherein said sticking body is a rotation drum having an outer peripheral surface to which said ply cord is stuck.

7 (withdrawn): The carcass ply producing method according to claim 5, wherein said sticking body is a flat-plate like tray having a surface to which said ply cord is stuck.

8 (withdrawn): The carcass ply producing method according to claim 5, wherein said sticking body is a transfer conveyer having a transfer surface to which said ply cord is stuck.

9-15 (canceled)

16 (previously ~~added~~ <sup>presented</sup>): The carcass ply producing method according to claim 5, further comprising moving the supply head along the widthwise direction of the carcass ply at constant speed and controlling the moving amount of the sticking surface thereof based on a program.